

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and the inaction of the FCC.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

In addition, I have discontinued viewing of all the major networks because they are "reporting" lies, radically biased right-wing viewpoints, and entertainment rather than news that intelligent people in a democracy must have in order to maintain our form of government. It is a disgrace that the FCC allows this. One must practically go underground to get factual and fair information about the state of affairs, not only globally, but in our own country as well. This is a travesty.

Thank you.